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SUBJECT: MBFR: LINK BETWEEN PHASES: SPC DISCUSSION MAY 21 ON
ASSURANCES

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

REF: A) USNATO 2581; B) USNATO 2740; C) STATE 96911

1. SPC MAY 21 RETURNED TO SECTION IV OF GUIDANCE TO AHG ON
LINKAGE (REFTEL A). UK AND CANADA SAID THEY STILL HAD NO
GUIDANCE ON THEIR ABILITY TO MAKE ASSURANCES. UK REP HOWEVER
SAID HE THOUGHT UK WOULD FAVOR COMMITMENT FOR PHASE II REDUCTIONS
BY WHOLE ALLIANCE, AND WOULD FIND LIMITING COMMITMENT TO NON-U.S.
NATO FORCES UNATTRACTIVE. BELGIAN REP THEN FORMALLY STATED HIS
COUNTRY'S INTEREST IN OBTAINING U.S. ASSURANCES OF SMALL U.S.
REDUCTIONS IN SECOND PHASE, USING SAME RATIONALE, AND INTRO-
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DUCING SAME BELGIAN DELEGATION TEXT AS HE DID WITH US (REFTEL B).
HE OBSERVED THAT HE THEREFORE AGREED WITH UK REP'S REMARK.
IN RESPONSE TO DUTCH QUESTION, HE SAID BELGIAN DELEGATION
TEXT SUITABLE FOR PRESENTATION TO WP WITH DELETION OF PHRASE

THAT FORMULATION TO BE AGREED IN COUNCIL.

2. U.S. REP REPEATED HIS STATEMENT AT EARLIER SPC THAT PRESENT IS DRAFT LANGUAGE DID NOT EXCLUDE U.S. FORCES FROM PHASE II CUTS, AND ASKED IF BELGIAN WERE ASKING CHANGES IN PARA 11 AND 34 FORMULATIONS IN NEGOTIATING MANDATE CM(73)83, WHICH REFERRED TO NON-U.S. NATO FOCUS IN PHASE II. BELGIAN REP SAID BELGIAN WAS NOT ASKING TO RE-OPEN CM(73)83, AND NOTED SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 34 THAT PHASE II WOULD ADDRESS "AGGREGATES" OF FORCES REMAINING IN GUIDELINES AREA AFTER PHASE I. U.S. REP ASKED IF U.S. REAFFIRMATION OF SECOND SENTENCE PARA 34 WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. BELGIAN REP FEARED IT WOULD NOT. BELGIAN WOULD LIKE POSITIVE ASSURANCE FROM U.S.

3. GERMAN REP SAID HE WAS SURE HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD LIKE THE FACT BELGIAN PROPOSING A "COLLECTIVE DECLARATION OF INTENT", SINCE THIS WAS GERMAN PREFERENCE, REFLECTED IN THE GERMAN FORMULATION (SECOND BRACKETED PARA IN SECTION IV, REFTEL A). GERMANY DID NOT WANT TREATY PROVISION. U.S. REP POINTED OUT THAT U.S. FORMULATION (FIRST BRACKETED PARA) DID NOT TAKE STAND ON DECLARATION VS TREATY, BUT SIMPLY CALLED FOR A COMMITMENT, AND THAT U.S. DID NOT WANT ALLIES TO BE DRAWN INTO NEGOTIATION OF A DECLARATION OF INTENT AT THIS TIME.

4. ITALIAN REP SAID THAT OF THE TWO BRACKETED PARAGRAPHS COMPRISING SECTION IV, ITALY PREFERRED THE SECOND, AS IT EMPHASIZED MORE THE NEED TO GET EASTERN AGREEMENT TO THE COMMON CEILING. HOWEVER, ITALY WANTED TO ELIMINATE "ALL" BEFORE "NON-U.S. DIRECT PARTICIPANTS".

4. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON BELGIAN POSITION.
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